

REMARKS

The application has been amended and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Official Action indicated that claims 48-50, 54 and 56 were directed to allowable subject matter.

In reliance thereupon, claims 48, 50, 54, and 55 have been amended to be in independent form including the recitation of the previous base claim and any previous intervening claims.

Claims 38-43, 45-46, 49, and 52-53 have been amended to depend from allowable independent claim 48.

Claim 51 still depends from claim 50. Claims 56-57 have been amended to depend from claim 50 and to include the recitations previously found in claims 52-53, respectively.

Claims not otherwise depending from an otherwise allowable independent claim have been cancelled.

In view of the above, applicants believe that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Having made these amendments to place the case in condition for allowance, applicants note that a divisional application can be filed at any time during the pendency of this application so as to pursue other subject matter disclosed by this application.

Please charge the fee of \$44 for the extra independent claim added herewith, to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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